

MEN THROW AWAY \$10,400,000 IN HATS

That Amount Annually Wasted
By Males—Milady Repairs
Her Old Headgear.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Despite joke-smiths' traditional harping upon the millinery extravagance of milady, figures compiled here claim to show that men in the United States annually throw away \$10,400,000 worth of hats, while a large percentage of women make over their old hats and save probably as much as the men send to the ash heap.

Philadelphia dealers estimate that their men patrons throw away \$30,000 worth of hats a week. Upon this basis it is estimated that New York men discard \$50,000 worth; Chicago, \$30,000; San Francisco, \$20,000; Cleveland, \$10,000; Boston, \$20,000; Denver, \$10,000; Indianapolis, \$5,000; Kansas City, \$10,000; Los Angeles, \$5,000; Milwaukee, \$5,000; Pittsburgh, \$10,000; Portland, \$5,000; Omaha, \$5,000; St. Paul, \$5,000; St. Louis, \$10,000; Washington, \$2,000; and other towns and cities sufficient to bring the weekly total up to \$200,000, or \$10,400,000 a year.

A Low Estimate.

Probably this is an exceedingly low estimate. Some estimates place the annual amount at \$15,000,000. This amount represents about 100,000,000 hats, sky-pieces, at least; nor does it take into account caps and other substitutes for hats.

The average price paid for hats is believed to be about \$3, but that gives no idea of how extravagant some men can be on their hats. These include hard and soft felts, silk hats, straws of every kind, including Panamas. There are men who order specially made Panamas, as many as half a dozen at a time, to cost \$120 each. Others can get a modest straw for \$5 cents, and from that up. Very good Panamas may be had, it is stated, for \$75, and some as low as \$4.

When it comes to soft felt hats, \$20 will buy the best, and for hard felt, \$8, while \$10 will secure the best French imported silk high hat.

When a woman buys a new hat she has it sent home in an elaborate box covered with roses like the old-fashioned chintz or wallpaper patterns. It gives it a Parisian atmosphere, even if the creation never saw Paris, but when a man buys a new hat he usually tells the hatter to "chuck" the old one. Sometimes, very seldom, he has it sent home, intending to give it to the man who cuts the lawn and takes out the ashes, and then he forgets all about it, and his wife gives it to the rubbish man or the Salvation Army man at the first call.

As for the "cast-off" that are "chucked" by the hatter, the second-hand man comes around and takes them away. He refurbishes the ones worth while, and sells them at any price; the others are stripped of the bands and bindings and leather sweatbands for the ragbag, and the remainder goes to the dump.

HOSPITAL MEMORIAL TO EDITH CAVELL

Queen Surrenders Honor in
Favor of England's Martyr-
Nurse.

LONDON, Nov. 20 (by mail).—The Alexandra Home, an addition to the London Hospital now being built, will be named the Edith Cavell Home. Queen Alexandra, in whose honor the home for nurses had already been named, voluntarily surrendered the honor in favor of England's martyr-nurse, Edith Cavell, executed by the Germans in Belgium. A shifting fund inaugurated by a London daily has already provided thousands of dollars for a Cavell memorial, which, by the wish of the Queen and the mother of the dead nurse, will be the Edith Cavell Home. It was the express wish of Miss Cavell's aged mother, at Norwich, that a statue should not be erected for her daughter.

POT ROAST, NOT RED HAIR, CAUSE OF WOE

Shoningers Split on Appetite In-
stead of Brunette Tresses,
Doctor Testifies.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Dr. Lee S. Shoninger, testifies in his defense in the separation suit brought by Mrs. Edith Shoninger, told Supreme Court Justice Gott that his domestic unhappiness was due to the fact that his wife's red hair bored him, and he preferred life at the Yale Club.

My wife is a vicious young woman, fond of society and so-called affairs, while I am a professional man," said Dr. Shoninger, "I rebelled against the perpetual round of calls and parties. I wanted to be at home after 7 p.m. and as that was the popular hour for calling I didn't care to go out with my wife."

When Mrs. D. Shoninger, attorney for Dr. Shoninger, asked if there was any other reason the defendant replied:

"Yes, there was a financial reason also. To keep up appearances in the set of which my wife was a member it was necessary to have money, and I didn't have the money for such useless luxuries."

When asked about his wife's test money that he expressed a preference for "brilliant, flat, obedient women," whose also "black hair was a good feature," Dr. Shoninger said his remark to this effect was only a joke. "My wife often told her friends not to be surprised if she turned red-headed some day, but she was only carrying out my joke," said the defendant. "I never intended to slip my tongue to Shoninger."

"My wife liked bonnets, dresses and things like that, while my appetite demanded that I eat substantial foods, such as hot roasts, omelets, and soups. When I tasted upon these things at the table she rebelled, and then trouble started. She thought that our roasts were only for the talking man, but I didn't agree with her."

Found His Calling.

The American, "Why did you leave your practice?"

The Dr. Shoninger—Too tame. Why, I only killed two people a month there, but since I became a chauffeur it's a poor month when I can't land twenty in the hospital.—Exchange.



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